(b) to (d) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure adopted on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, an annual Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs. 804 crores is available to all State Governments for incurring expenditure in the wake of natural calamities, including drought. 75% of the CRF is contributed by the Central Government in four equal quarterly instalments. The Central share of CRF released to these drought affected States during the year 1991-92 is given below :—-

State	Rs. in crore
1. Gujarat .	63.75
2. Karnataka	20.25
3. Kerala	23.25
4. Madhya Pradesh	27.75
5. Maharashtra	33.00
6. Manipur .	0.75
7. Rajasthan . „	93.00

The Ninth Finance Commission has also observed that if any region faced a calamity of such dimension and severity as to warrant its handling at the national level, the Central Government will take appropriate action as the situation demands and incur necessary expenditure.

Ban on Manufacture of Milk Products

2435. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban on manufacture and import of indigenous milk products is put every year for Delhi only causing great losses to milk producers in adjoining States ;

(b) whether it is a fact that during 1976-77 no such ban was imposed and milk supplies remained normal in Delhi ;

(c) whether it is a fact that ali public sector dairy plants and cooperatives throughout the country have installed surplus milk drying capacity and they are forced to manufacture milk powder heven in summer creating milk shortage ; and

(d) what is the month-wise manufacture of milk powder by organised units, State-wise for the last three years, indicating the month-wise and year-wise installed capacity for all "dairy products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A ban was imposed in Delhi in the year 1976 from 21-5-1976 to 21-7-1976. However, there was no such ban in the year 1977. Milk marketing by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, Delhi during 1976-77 was more than the year 1975-76.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Pulses

2436. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state :

(v) whether Government are aware that India is today the largest impor er of pulses in, the World despi e being he one of the largest producer of pulses in the world ;

(b) whether any time bound plan is in hand to overcome this situation through R and D ;

(c) whether it is a fac that there are several ongoing projects on pulses improvement which have no; paid dividend yet :

(d) whether Governmen have any me hod of making research and other project accounable to the tax payers and he country and if so, de ails : hereof : and

(e) whether Governmen is mo nitoring evahia ion sys em has failed "o be effective, and if so, corrective steps aken/proposed to ba aken in his regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE LN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPA-LLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) India was one of he larges importers of pulses in he world in 1990. In ha year, India was .he largest producer of pulses in he world.

(b) A ime targe ted action plan on echrtology genera ion in pulses has been aken up. A ime-bound programme on developmen al as-pec.s is also under implementa ion.

(c) Research work on pulses is being crried out through Directo-rae of Pulses Research, Kanpur and All Inda Coordina ed Pulses Improvement Project of Indian Council of Agricul ural Research, New Delhi. These efforts have led to the developmen of several improved varie ies of pulses for differen agro-clima ic areas of he coun ry.

(d) Pulses have been included under he ambi of he Technology Mission with assigned rime-frames for different research activities.

(e) In order o improve evaluation of pulses developmen' programmes, Concurrent evaluation has been en rusted to an independent Bgency from 1991-92. The points in these evaluation repor s are followed up for improving the effectiveness of these programmes.

Availability of Milk

2437. SHRI KAMAL MO RARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(v) whan has been : hs per capita availability of milk (Satewise) during the decade of 1970—80 and 1980—90 ;

(b) ' he s' 3ps aken by Govern ment o make available milk to children and pregnant and lactating mothers a: cheeper raves ; and

(c) he sieps taken by Govern-jen to sop diversion of milk for the production of milk products ca ering o he needs of elite class of the popula ion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIK. C. LENKA) : (a) A sta emen indicating Statewise per capital availability of milk during the year 1979-80 and 1989-90 is given below.

(b) Government has recenty promulga ed Milk and Miik Produce Order, 1992 on 9th June, 1992 under the Essental Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) with a view to main ain and increase supply of liquid milk of the desired quality in he in eresvs of he general public. This Order ex ends to the whole of India.

(c) At the request of the S ate Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi Adminis s ion, the Governmen has issued Orders imposing , emporary res ric ions for specified periods on production of milk products in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi in order o maintain and increase the supply of liquid milk.